

Circuit Court

Circuit Judges, Official Reporters, Judicial Circuits, and At-Large Judges

46 Judges: 33 elected by the General Assembly from the sixteen Judicial Circuits for 6-year terms; 13 elected by the General Assembly from the State at-large for 6-year terms—Act 164, 1979, Sec. 14-5-610 of the 1976 Code, amended by Act 610, 1990. Act 145, 1995 added 3 new at-large seats. Act 222, 1997 added 3 new circuit seats.

First Circuit

Counties—Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg

DICKSON, Edgar W. (2009–16), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, 151 Docket St., P.O. Box 1949, Orangeburg 29116, Tel. (803) 535-2187, Fax (803) 535-2188; *b.* Aug. 26, 1950; *s.* Glenn Wells Dickson, Sr. and Katherine Montgomery Dickson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1972, J.D., 1977; Nov. 17, 1973 *m.* Lessie Gayle Floyd, 2 children, E. Charles and James E; *mem.*: S.C. Bar; Orangeburg Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Trial Lawyers, Assn. of S.C. Claimant Attys. for Worker's Compensation; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; Med. Missions Bd. of Trustees; St. Andrews Soc. of Cola.; Soc. of High Hill of the Santee; Orangeburg Presbyterian Church Soc.; First Presbyterian Church, Elder; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009 to succeed Judge James C. Williams, retired; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Peggy T. SmithOrangeburg
Court Reporter—Ms. Harry WalkerRowesville
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2013)Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. LeiendeckerSummerville

GOODSTEIN, Diane Schafer (1998–16), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 234, St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0388; *b.* Dec. 1, 1955 in Dillon; *d.* Joseph M. Schafer and Helen Schafer Mast; *g.* Univ. of N.C. at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1978, J.D., 1981; April 2, 1983 *m.* Arnold S. Goodstein; private practice,



Goodstein, Bowling, Douglas & Phillips, 1981–83; Partner/VP, Goodstein & Goodstein, P.A., 1983–98; Dorchester Co. Atty., 1986–88; Bd. mem.: Greater Summerville Chamber of Commerce; Hospice of Charleston; My Sister's House; S.C. Bar Professional Responsibility Com.; Dorchester Co. Centennial Com.; Bd. of Dirs., KK Beth Elohim, 2000–04; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, May 5, 1998 to fulfill Act 458, 1996; qualified May 26, 1998, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen ParkerHarleyville

Law Clerk—Anna R. WelchSummerville

Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2013)Summerville

Public Defender—Mark A. LeiendeckerSummerville

Second Circuit

Counties—Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell



EARLY, Doyet A. III (2004–16), Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 90, Bamberg 29003, Tel. (803) 245-4004; *b.* Jan. 6, 1948 in Orangeburg; *s.* D. A. “Jack” and Olivia Prevette Early; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1971, J.D., 1974; July 20, 1969 *m.* Lee Foy Early, 2 children, William P. and Ross H.; founded private practice which became the firm of Early and Ness;

admitted to practice law in all S.C. courts, the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C. and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; mem.: RHO Chap. of the Kappa Alpha Order; S.C. Bar Assn., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Amer. Bd. of Trial Attys.; has served on Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, Judicial Qualifications Com. of the S.C. Bar; past Pres., Bamberg Co. Public Defender Corp.; past mem., Adv. Bd. of S.C. Bank and Trust, Bamberg; past Chm., S.C. Heart Fund; past Pres., Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raider Booster Club; mem., First Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2004 to fill the unexpired term of Rodney A. Peeples, retired; qualified May 1, 2004, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karin CokerBamberg

Law Clerk—Austin CrosbyBamberg

Court Reporter—Lisa DavenportAiken

Solicitor—J. Strom Thurmond, Jr. (2013)Aiken

Public Defender—D. Grant GibbonsAiken

Third Circuit

Counties—Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg

COTHRAN, Ralph Ferrell, Jr. (2006–16), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, 16 N. Brooks St., Manning 29102, Tel. (803) 435-2450; *b.* Feb. 14, 1952 in Clarendon Co.; *s.* Ralph Ferrell and Ruth Cothran; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1977; Apr. 12, 1985 *m.* Deborah Jean Brakefield, 3 children, Scott Ferrell, Michael Bailey, and Marion Epps Dubose IV; past Chm., Clarendon Co. Election Comm.; Chm., United Way; mem.: Rotary Club, 1989–06; S.C. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Atty.; Asst. Solicitor, Clarendon Co., 1983–06; Fee Dispute & Resolution Bd.; Session Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 15, 2006 to fill unexpired term of Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Oct. 4, 2006, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Gayle BrunsonManning
Court Reporter—vacant

Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2015)Sumter

Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr.Sumter

JAMES, George C. “Buck”, Jr. (2006–18), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 1716, Sumter 29151, Tel. (803) 436-2150, Fax (803) 436-2403; *b.* June 2, 1960 in Savannah, Ga.; *s.* Ren F. James and the late George C. James; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; *m.* Mar. 22, 1986, 2 children; private practice, firm of Richardson, James & Player,



1985–00; partner, firm of Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler & Smith, LLC, 2000–06; admitted to practice in S.C. and U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; Wilson Hall School, Bd. of Trustees, 1998–06; former Dixie Youth baseball coach; former YMCA youth basketball coach; mem.: S.C. Bar; Sumter Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn.; Defense Research Inst.; Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2009; mem., Trinity United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to succeed Howard P. King, retired; qualified June 23, 2006, serving continuously since.

<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Debbie Flinchum	Sumter
<i>Law Clerk</i> —Gill Bell	Sumter
<i>Court Reporter</i> —Melissa Singletary	Sumter
<i>Solicitor</i> —Ernest A. Finney III (2015)	Sumter
<i>Public Defender</i> —Jack D. Howle, Jr.	Sumter

Fourth Circuit

Counties—Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon



BURCH, Paul Michael (1991–16), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 276, Pageland 29728, Tel. (843) 672-3270; residing in Pageland; *b.* Feb. 10, 1954 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* William B. and Laura (Arant) Burch; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Lancaster, A.S., Criminal Justice, 1974; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1976, M.A., 1978, J.D., 1980; graduate, Gen. Jurisdiction and Advanced Evi-

dence Course of Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, Nevada; Aug. 1, 1976 *m.* Kimberly Lee Thomas, 3 children, Kendall Renee, Ashley Lee, and Paul Michael, Jr.; Chesterfield Co. Council, 1983–88, VC, 1987–88; past Chm. of Trustees and Admin. Bd. of Pageland United Methodist Church; past Master, Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge No. 58 A.F.M.; Jamil Shrine Temple; Pageland Police Dept. (6 years); Pageland Volunteer Fire Dept. (40 years); past Chm., Sandhill Ducks Unlimited; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Legis. Fire Caucus; House of Reps., 1988–91; Judicial Del. to the ABA Natl. Conf., 2000–02; Pres., S.C. Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2008–10; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fill the unexpired term of C. Anthony Harris, retired; qualified July 10, 1991, serving continuously since.

<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Dell B. Chapman	Pageland
<i>Court Reporter</i> —Hattie Gordon	Wallace
<i>Solicitor</i> —Will Rogers (2013)	Cheraw
<i>Public Defender</i> —A.C. Michael Stephens	Dillon

BAXLEY, John Michael (2000–18), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, 531 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville 29550, Tel. (843) 383-4114; *b.* Aug. 24, 1956; *s.* William H., Jr. and Merle Baxley; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1982; Student Body Pres., Hartsville High School, 1974 & Clemson Univ., 1978; Speaker, S.C. State Student Legis., 1976–78 & Natl. Student Congress, 1978; Interpreter for the Deaf; Chm., Darlington Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., Bd. of Dirs., Hartsville Red Cross & Crimestoppers; 4 gallon blood donor, Amer. Red Cross; mem.: Bd. of Dirs., Hartsville Christmas in April; Bd. of Dirs., Butler Heritage Foundation; 1985 S.C. Family of the Year; Chm., Freshman Legis. Caucus, 1987–88; House Jud. Com., 1987–98; Jt. Legis. Com. on AIDS; Jt. Legis. Solid Waste Disposal Study Com.; Jt. Legis. Com. on the Problems of the Disabled; 1988 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Amer. Ex-POW's; 1989 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of the Deaf; 1989 Legislator of the Year, S.C. NAACP Youth Div.; 1991 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Rural Water Assn.; 1997 Legislator of the Year, S.C. Mental Health Assn.; mem., First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 1987–98; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 9, 2000 to succeed Edward B. Cottingham, retired; qualified June 25, 2000, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Jamie L. CapellHartsville
Court Reporter—Pamela Ozment-CarteeHartsville
Solicitor—Will Rogers (2013)Cheraw
Public Defender—A.C. Michael StephensDillon

Fifth Circuit

Counties—Kershaw, Richland

BENJAMIN, DeAndrea Gist (2011–13), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1746, Fax (803) 576-1777; residing in Columbia; *b.* Oct. 4, 1972 in Richland Co.; *d.* Donald and Adrienne Gist; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1994; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; June 8, 2002 *m.* Stephen K. Benjamin, 2 children; Asst. Solicitor, Richland



Co. Solicitor's Off., 1998–99; Asst. Atty. Gen., Atty. Gen.'s Off., 1999–01; Juvenile Parole Bd., 2001–04; Gist Law Firm, 2001–11; City of Cola. Municipal Judge, 2004–11; Chm., S.C. Bar Young Lawyer's Div., 2006–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Bd. of Govs., 2007–09; S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2004–09; ABA Young Lawyer's Div.; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; S.C. Black Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Appleseed Foundation; Cola. Alumnae Chap. of Delta Sigma Theta; Bd. mem.: Edventure Children's Museum; Congaree Girl Scouts; mem., St. John Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, to fill unexpired term of John Ernest Kinard, Jr., retired; qualified Nov. 16, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jerrell Kirk-JamesColumbia
Court Reporter—Deborah M. McCurdyColumbia
Solicitor—Daniel E. Johnson (2015)Columbia
Public Defender—Douglas S. StricklerColumbia



MANNING, Lee Casey (1994–18), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1773, Fax (803) 576-1744; residing in Columbia; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Ada JamesColumbia
Court Reporter—Crystal Roach-HolmesColumbia
Solicitor—Daniel E. Johnson (2015)Columbia
Public Defender—Douglas S. StricklerColumbia



COOPER, G. Thomas, Jr. (2000–15), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 3, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1783, Fax (803) 576-1741; residing at #1 Sycamore Place, Camden; *b.* Nov. 2, 1940; *s.* Gafford Thomas Cooper and Mildred Sarah Gilchrist Daily; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1963; George Washington Law School, LL.B., 1966; Sept. 1, 1979 *m.* Hope

Emelia Howell, 6 children, Catherine Sloane, Sarah Riley, Patricia Daily, Hope B., Martha C., and Lisa B.; Legis. Asst. to former Congressman Tom S. Gettys, Fifth Dist., S.C., 1965–67; Asst. Solicitor for Kershaw Co., 1971–74; Harvard Law School—

Prog. of Instruction for Lawyers 1972 Criminal Law; mem.: Amer. Arbitration Natl. Arbitration Training Faculty, 1996–00; Kershaw Co. Bar Assn., 1967–; S.C. Bar Assn., 1976–; Amer. Bar Assn., 1967–; Camden Rotary, 1988–00; Paul Harris Fellow; Associated Charities, Dir., 1987–; Kershaw Co. Council, 1989–00; Congaree Land Trust Pres., 2000–01; Alternative Dispute Resolution Panelist, 1993; “The Nuts and Bolts of a Construction Project” prog. coordinator, S.C. Bar, 1995; “New Circuit Court Arbitration Rules” panelist, 1995; mem., AAA Large Complex Case panel; Certified Mediator, U.S. Dist. Court, 1975–00; Asst. Probate Judge for Commitments, Kershaw Co.; mem., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 3, May 24, 2000 to fill unexpired term of Costa M. Pleicones, elected to the Supreme Court; qualified June 30, 2000, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Babs LindsayColumbia
Court Reporter—Karen AmbroziakBlythewood
Solicitor—Daniel E. Johnson (2015)Columbia
Public Defender—Douglas S. StricklerColumbia

Sixth Circuit

Counties—Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield

GOLDSMITH, Brooks Pope (2005–16), Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 2227, Lancaster 29721, Tel. (803) 286-6990; residing at 1670 Partridge Cir., Lancaster; *b.* Jan. 7, 1942 in Lancaster; *s.* B. P. and Margaret Goldsmith; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1964; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1969; *m.* Laura P. Goldsmith, 1 child, Amanda;



S.C. Law Review; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1969; admitted to the Ga. Bar, 1970; Municipal Judge, Lancaster, 1974–76; Pres., Lancaster Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1977; former mem., House of Delegates of the S.C. Bar; former mem. of the Bd. of Govs. of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; mil. serv.: U.S. Army, 1964–66, 1st Lt.; Family Court Judge, 2001–05; elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2005 to fill the vacancy created by Paul E. Short, Jr., elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Mar. 1, 2005, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Dana F. StognerLancaster
Law Clerk—Lindsey Kate RobinetteCharlotte

Court Reporter—Michael WatkinsFort Mill
Solicitor—Douglas A. Barfield, Jr. (2015)Lancaster
Public Defender—Michael H. LifseyChester

Seventh Circuit

Counties—Cherokee, Spartanburg



COLE, Joseph Derham (1992–13), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 1744, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2685; residing in Spartanburg; *b.* May 27, 1952; *s.* Claude, Jr. and Esther L. Lewis Cole; *g.* Spartanburg High School, 1970; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1976; Aug. 10, 1974 *m.* Candace Linn Carlson, 3 children, J. Derham, Jr., Jona-

than, and Carlson; mem.: Co. & S.C. Bar Assns.; Natl. Jud. Coll., Univ. of Nevada, 1993; Asst. Circuit Solicitor, Seventh Judicial Circuit, 1977–85; Chm., Spartanburg Co. House Delegation; VC, Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Order of the Palmetto; prev. serv. in House 1987–92; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 5, 1992; qualified Mar. 31, 1992, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Terrie JohnsonSpartanburg

Law Clerk—Elizabeth D. BassSpartanburg

Court Reporter—Linda MoffittSpartanburg

Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2013)Spartanburg

Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg



COUCH, Roger L. (2004–18), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Spartanburg Co. Courthouse, P.O. Box 2614, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2285; *b.* Feb. 1, 1950 in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* the late Kenneth O. and Catherine Ramsey Couch Edwards; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1972, J.D., 1975; *m.* Joy E. Ayers Couch, 3 children, William R., Robert A., and James

D. Jennings; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1975; private practice, 1976–97; past mem., Spartanburg Co. Dist. Six School Bd.; mem., Downtown Spartanburg Rotary Club; Spartanburg Co. Master-in-Equity, 1997–04; mem., First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2004 to fill unexpired term of Donald W. Beatty,

elected to Court of Appeals, Seat 6; qualified May 20, 2004, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Lori CrookeSpartanburg
Law Clerk—Reed TeagueSpartanburg
Court Reporter—Pamela GreeneSpartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2013)Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg

Eighth Circuit

Counties—Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry

ADDY, Frank R., Jr. (2010–16), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, 528 Monument St., Suite 210, Greenwood 29646, Tel. (864) 943-8020, Fax (864) 942-8581; *b.* Nov. 5, 1967 in Greenwood; *s.* Mary Katherine and the late F. Robert Addy, Sr.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, J.D., 1993; *m.* Kelly Sprouse; Univ. of S.C. law school, Articles Editor for the Student Editorial Bd. of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal; Pres., Intl. Law Soc.; Intl. Moot Court Team; mem., Palmetto Law Soc.; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1993; former Asst. Solicitor, Eighth Circuit; Dep. Solicitor, 1995; private practice, 1997, Public Defender, Greenwood and Abbeville Cos., 1998–99; Greenwood Co. Probate Judge, 1999–06; Chm., Probate Judge's Adv. Com. to the Chief Justice, 2001–03; Exec. of the Year award from the Emerald Chap. of the IAAP, 2003; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Probate Judges, 2005–06; Special Circuit Judge, 2006–07; mem.: Greenwood Masonic Lodge #91; St. Mark United Methodist Church; Judge, Eighth Circuit Drug Court, 2008–10; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 3, 2010 to fill unexpired term of Wyatt Saunders, deceased; qualified Apr. 19, 2010, serving continuously since.



Law Clerk—Josh NasrollahiGreenwood
Solicitor—Jerry W. Peace (2013)Greenwood
Public Defender—E. Charles Grose, Jr.Greenwood



GRIFFITH, Eugene C. (2009–18), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, 1226 College St., Newberry 29108, Tel. (803) 321-1430, Fax (803) 276-3281; *b.* Dec. 12, 1964; *s.* the late Eugene C. and Anne Bruner Griffith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., Bus. Admin., 1987, J.D., 1990; Aug. 17, 1991 *m.* Elizabeth Rushing, 3 children, Cannon, Geena, and Patrick; Griffith Law Firm,

1992–97; Rushing and Griffith, P.C., 1997–09; Special Prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, 2005–09; Newberry City Atty., 1994–09; mem.: S.C. Assn. for Justice & Amer. Assn. for Justice; ABA, S.C. Bar, Newberry Co. Bar; Newberry Co. Public Defender Corp. Bd., 1994–04; Newberry Country Club Bd. of Dirs., 2000–02; Prosperity Recreation Dept. Dixie Youth Baseball, Asst. Coach, 2000–11; Newberry Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1998–09; Piedmont Citizens Com. on Judicial Qualifications, 2004–06; Newberry Co. Tax Adv. Com., 2006–09; Central United Methodist Church: Youth Group Coordinator, former Admin. Bd. Chair, Treas., and Fin. Com. mem.; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 11, 2009 to fill unexpired term of J. W. Johnson, deceased and subsequent term; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Jackie LawrenceNewberry
Law Clerk—Megan HarriganNewberry
Court Reporter—Joy HolstonNewberry
Solicitor—Jerry W. Peace (2013)Greenwood
Public Defender—E. Charles Grose, Jr.Greenwood

Ninth Circuit

Counties—Charleston, Berkeley



JEFFERSON, Deadra L. (2001–13), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, 100 Broad St., Suite 336, Charleston 29401-2283, Tel. (843) 958-5147, Fax (843) 958-5148; *b.* Charleston; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields; *Who's Who Among Amer. Coll. and Univ. Students*; Junior League of Charleston, 1993–03; Delta Sigma

Theta Sor., Inc.; mem., Life Center of Charleston, Bd. of Trustees, 2000–; Bd. of Trustees, Converse Coll., 2002–; Bd. of

Advisors, Charleston School of Law, 2003–; Charleston Chap. of Links, Inc.; Liberty Fellowship; Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, 1996–01; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to succeed Daniel E. Martin, retired; qualified July 2, 2001, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Chanda Sheppard Charleston
Court Reporter—Anne Meyer Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2013) Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington Charleston

HARRINGTON, Kristi Lea (2008–18), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, 300B California Ave., Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4480; *b.* Apr. 4, 1969; *d.* Carter D. and the late Jane C. Harrington; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.A., 1991; Univ. of Tulsa Coll. of Law, J.D., 1996; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 6, 2008 to fill the unexpired term of Daniel F. Pieper, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 6, 2008, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—vacant
Law Clerk—Yancey A. McLeod III Charleston
Court Reporter—Mia Perron Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2013) Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington Charleston

YOUNG, Roger M. (2003–15), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Broad St., Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-2015, Fax (843) 740-5108; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Univ. of Nevada-Reno, M.J.S., 2000; N. Charleston Municipal Court Judge, 1988–90; S.C. House of Reps., 1990–94; Charleston Co. Master-in-Equity, 1996–03; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, May 29, 2002 to succeed A. Victor Rawl, retired; qualified July 11, 2003, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Robyn Hills Mt. Pleasant
Law Clerk—Mary Ramsay Charleston
Court Reporter—Amanda Haffenden Summerville
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2013) Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington Charleston

Tenth Circuit

Counties—Anderson, Oconee



MCINTOSH, Rivers Lawton (2009–13), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4059; *b.* April 10, 1960 in Anderson; *s.* Jack F. and Frances Varn McIntosh; *g.* Wofford, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1986; *m.* Jessie Ruth Wilson, M.D., 1 stepdaughter; private practice, 1987–09; mem.: St. John's Methodist Church; S.C.

Alzheimers Assn. Bd.; Treas., Western S.C. Torch Club; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 13, 2009 to succeed J. C. Nicholson, retired; qualified July 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Susan Stanfield Anderson
Law Clerk—Clifton Sams Anderson
Court Reporter—Jo Rice Abbeville
Solicitor—Christina T. Adams (2013) Anderson
Public Defender—Robert A. Gamble Anderson



MACAULAY, Alexander Stephens (1994–18), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 428, Oconee Co. Courthouse, Walhalla 29691, Tel. (864) 638-4266; residing at 1420 W. Main St., West Union; *b.* Jan. 31, 1942 on Sullivan's Island; *s.* Dr. Neill Webster and Eliza Singleton (Barron) Macaulay; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1963; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1970; *m.* Maria Locke Boineau,

2 children, Maria M. Sellers and Dr. Alexander Stephens, Jr.; Asst. Atty. Gen., 1970–72; Law Firm of Miley & Macaulay, Walhalla, 1973–94; Pres., Oconee Bar, 1980; Deacon & Elder, Walhalla Presbyterian Church; mem., State Bd. of Educ., 1979–80; Bd. of Trustees, Med. Univ. of S.C., 1991; Bd. of Visitors, Clemson Univ., 1980; Sen., 1981–94; mil. serv.: Vietnam Veteran—Intelligence Off. & Advisor, MACV, 1966; 2nd Bn., 5th Cav., 1st Air Cav. Div., 1967, Bronze Star, Combat Medic's Badge & Air Medal; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 23, 1994; qualified June 17, 1994, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sonya OrrMountain Rest
Solicitor—Christina T. Adams (2013)Anderson
Public Defender—Robert A. GambleAnderson

Eleventh Circuit

Counties—Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick

KEESLEY, William Paul (1991–18), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 10, Edgefield 29824, Tel. (803) 637-4095; residing in Edgefield; *b.* May 10, 1953 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* the late Archie E. and Lois W. Keesley; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., Govt., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; May 22, 1976 *m.* Linda F. Black, 1 child, Kylie; Phi Beta Kappa, 1975; past Pres., Edgefield Co. Bar Assn.; former Tri-County Public Defender; former Asst. Solicitor, 11th Circuit; mem., House of Reps., 1989–91; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, May 8, 1991 to fill the unexpired term of Hubert E. Long, retired; qualified Aug. 13, 1991, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Nancy C. TurnerJohnston
Court Reporter—Stacy SheppardLexington
Solicitor—Donald V. Myers (2013)Lexington
Public Defender—Robert M. MadsenLexington

MCMAHON, Royce Knox (2006–18), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, 205 East Main St., Lexington 29072, Tel. (803) 785-8239; residing in Lexington; *b.* in Columbia; *s.* Royce E. McMahon and Lena E. Knox; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1975, J.D., 1978; Nov. 10, 1967 *m.* Nita D. McMahon, 3 children; Columbia Police Off., 1970–74; Lexington Co. Sheriff's Dept., Dep. Sheriff, Detective Capt., Legal Adv., 1977–83; Dep. Solicitor, Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Off., 1984–94; Senior Prosecutor, Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Off., 1995–03; Whetstone, Myers, Perkins & Young, P.A., 2004–06; Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecutions, 1999; mil. serv.: USAR, SFC E-7; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fill the unexpired term of Marc H. Westbrook, deceased; qualified Mar. 21, 2006, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Patsy C. HavirdWest Columbia
Law Clerk—Jenny K. RogersWest Columbia
Court Reporter—L. Coconut PantsariColumbia
Solicitor—Donald V. Myers (2013)Lexington
Public Defender—Robert M. MadsenLexington

Twelfth Circuit

Counties—Florence, Marion



NETTLES, Michael Gary (2005–18), Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Florence City-County Complex, MSC-O, 180 N. Irby St., Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 292-7433, Fax (843) 292-7436, email, mnettlessc@sccourts.org; residing at 311 Lancelot Way, Lake City; *b.* Mar. 9, 1959 in Lake City; *s.* E. LeRoy Nettles, Sr. and Beverly Herlong Nettles; *g.* The Carolina Academy, 1977; Wofford Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Mar. 17, 1986 *m.* Donna Jean Hicks, 3 children, Megan Herlong, Lauren Elizabeth, and Jason Michael; mem., Lake City First Baptist Church; Pres., Lake City Rotary, 1989; elected Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2005 to fill unexpired term of B. Hicks Harwell, Jr., retired; qualified Feb. 22, 2005, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Charlene BryantFlorence
Law Clerk—M. Travis HymanColumbia
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2015)Florence
Public Defender—Jack W. Lawson, Jr.Florence

Thirteenth Circuit

Counties—Greenville, Pickens



WELMAKER, G. Edward (2004–16), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 899, Pickens 29671, Tel. (864) 898-5790; *b.* in Greenville; *s.* the late John Gordon Welmaker and Martha Virginia Welmaker; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1968, J.D., 1970; 1968 *m.* Barbara Edmonds, 2 children; private practice, 1974–04; admitted to practice in all Courts of S.C.,

Western Fed. Dist. Court of La., U.S. Court of Mil. Appeals, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme

Court; past atty. for Pickens Co. and City of Easley; mem., Rock Springs Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USAF (JAG), 1970–74; USAF Reserves, 1974–96; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2004 to fill the unexpired term of Henry F. Floyd, retired; qualified Mar. 1, 2004, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Amanda AtkinsonGreer
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015)Greenville
Public Defender—John I. MauldinGreenville

VERDIN, Letitia H. (2011–16), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 305 E. North St., Suite 318, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8448; b. June 27, 1970; d. Harry R. and Angela Blackston Hamilton; g. Furman Univ., B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Aug. 16, 1997 *m.* Charles S. Verdin IV, 2 children; Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 2008–11; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 2011 to fill the unexpired term of John C. Few, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 2, 2011.



Admin. Asst.—Angela HyderGreenville
Law Clerk—Stanford OverbyGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015)Greenville
Public Defender—John I. MauldinGreenville

STILWELL, Robin B. (2009–13), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Co. Courthouse, 305 E. North St., Suite 315, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8406, Fax (864) 235-3625; b. Dec. 20, 1966; s. H. Samuel and Robin Scarborough Stilwell; g. The Citadel, Class of 1989; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Charlotte Whelan, 3 children, Charlotte Elizabeth “Eli”, Dorothy Scarborough “Dee”, and Joseph Whelan; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, May 13, 2009, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Carole RingGreenville
Law Clerk—Ashleigh R. WilsonGreenville
Court Reporter—Mary S. DiGirolamoGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015)Greenville
Public Defender—John I. MauldinGreenville



HILL, D. Garrison "Gary" (2004–16), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Suite 213, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8484, Fax (864) 467-8595; s. the late Leo and Grace L. Hill; g. Wofford Coll., 1986, B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; m. Amanda P. Tous-saint, 3 children; former Pres., Govt. Law Sec-tion of S.C. Bar; past mem., S.C. Bar House of

Delegates; past Chm., City of Greenville Bd. of Zoning Appeals; Hill, Wyatt & Bannister, 1989–00; Hill & Hill, LLC, 2000–04; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, Feb. 4, 2004 to fill unexpired term of John W. Kittredge, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Apr. 15, 2004, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Susan B. Patterson Greenville
Court Reporter—Hollie M. Jenkins Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) Greenville
Public Defender—John I. Mauldin Greenville

Fourteenth Circuit

Counties—Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort



BUCKNER, Perry M. (2000–18), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 101 Hampton St., Walterboro 29488, Tel. (843) 549-7878; b. May 9, 1949 in Walterboro; s. Perry M., Jr. and Dorothy Graham Buckner; g. Wofford Coll., B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; Jan. 2, 1982 m. Janet Hobbs, 2 children, Daniel Gra-ham and Perry M. IV; Hon. Graduate, Wofford

Coll.; distinguished mil. graduate, Wofford Coll.; Hon. Grad-uate, Univ. of S.C. School of Law; Asst. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1975–79; private practice, 1979–00; S.C. Bar House of Dels., 1993–95; S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Com., 1995–96; S.C. Bar Nominating Com., 1996–98; mem.: Wig and Robe; Amer. Bar Assn.; MUSC Children's Hosp. Bd., 1994–98; MUSC Bd. of Visitors, 1999–00; Bethel United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 9, 2000 to succeed Gerald C. Smoak, retired; serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Stacey Minton Walterboro
Law Clerk—E. Hope Lumpkin Walterboro
Court Reporter—Becky Hill Walterboro

Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2013)Hilton Head
Public Defender—Gene G. HoodBeaufort

MULLEN, Carmen T. (2006–13), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort 29901; residing at Hilton Head Island; *b.* Apr. 18, 1968 in California; *d.* David Russell Tevis III and Julie Anne Tevis; *g.* Indiana Univ., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1994; Clemson Univ., M.A., 1998; July 26, 2004 *m.* George E. Mullen, 4 children, Lauren Alexandra, George “Chip”, Jr., Toria Tigie, and Tevis Marie; law clerk to Hon. L. Casey Manning; Charleston Co. Asst. Public Defender; Staff Atty., House of Reps. Labor, Commerce and Industry Com.; private practice, 1998–06; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fill the unexpired term of Jackson V. Gregory, retired; qualified July 17, 2006, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Laura LongBeaufort
Law Clerk—Robin GrahamBeaufort
Court Reporter—Debbie EverettBeaufort
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2013)Hilton Head
Public Defender—Gene G. HoodBeaufort

Fifteenth Circuit

Counties—Georgetown, Horry

JOHN, Steven H. (2001–16), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 1301 Second Ave., Suite 3A30, Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6696, Fax (843) 915-5859; *b.* in N. Augusta; *s.* the late Joseph A. and the late Stephanie A. John; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Sept. 1, 1990 *m.* Susan L. Watts, 1 child, Nicholas Blake; admitted to practice: S.C., 1978, U.S. Dist. Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979; U.S. Supreme Court, 1987; law clerk to the Hon. Sidney T. Floyd, 1978–80; certified arbitrator and mediator, private law practice, 1981–01; Court Apptd. Special Referee and Guardian *ad Litem* in Horry and Georgetown Cos.; City of N. Myrtle Beach Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 1993–01; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to fill the



unexpired term of Sidney T. Floyd, retired; qualified July 6, 2001, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Marie P. Campagna Longs

Law Clerk—Abby Gail Cain Myrtle Beach

Solicitor—J. Greg Hembree (2015) N. Myrtle Beach

Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway



CULBERTSON, Benjamin H. (2007–15), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3030, Fax (843) 545-3282; *b.* Feb. 24, 1959 in Laurens; *s.* Laura H. Culbertson and the late Harley C. Culbertson; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Sept. 14, 1985 *m.* Renee Kinsey, 3 children, Jay, Max, and

Maggie; firm of Schneider and O'Donnell, P.A., 1985–90; private practice, 1991–07; Asst. Municipal Court Judge, City of Georgetown, 1985–96; Georgetown Co. Master-In-Equity, 1996–07; mem.: Georgetown Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Bar Assn.; Citadel Alumni Assn.; Brigadier Club; Georgetown Cotillion Club; Winyah Indigo Soc.; mem., Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term of Judge Paula Thomas, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 5, 2007, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Ramona Moree Andrews

Law Clerk—Austin Thomas Pawleys Island

Court Reporter—Grace L. Hurley Myrtle Beach

Solicitor—J. Greg Hembree (2015) N. Myrtle Beach

Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway

Sixteenth Circuit

Counties—Union, York



HAYES, John Calvin III (1991–16), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1H York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3047; residing at 836 Myrtle Dr., Rock Hill 29730; *b.* Oct. 18, 1945; *s.* the late John Calvin, Jr. and the late Frances (Rippel-meyer) Hayes; *g.* Winthrop Training School, 1963; Univ. of S.C., A.B., 1967, J.D., 1971;

attended Univ. of the South, 1963–64; Sept. 28, 1991 *m.* Sarah Lynn Dorsey, 3 children, John Calvin IV, Mary Scott McLaurin, and Frances Parker; 3 stepchildren, Matthew Bowen, Jessica Rushing, and Albert Tyler; law clerk to Chief Justice Joseph R. Moss, 1971–72; mem.: Phi Delta Phi; S.C. Law Review, 1970–71; Children’s Attention Home Bd., 1975–78, Chm., 1978; Judicial Council of S.C., 1978–80; Supreme Court Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances & Discipline, 1978–80; Co. & Amer. Bar Assns.; S.C. Bar Exec. Committeeman; Young Lawyers, Secy., 1975–77; Law School Bd., 1975–78; Co. Young Lawyers Club, VP, 1975, Pres., 1976; S.C. Coastal Council, 1980, 1983–91, Chm., 1987–91; Exec. Com., S.C. Defense Attys. Assn., 1980–83; Elks Club; Bd. of Dirs., Rotary Club; Solicitor, City of Rock Hill, 1979; S.C. Chap. of the Leukemia Soc. Bd. of Trustees; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Humanities Council, 1988–91; Bd. of Dirs., Rock Hill YMCA, 1986–89; Church of Our Savior, Vestry, 1972–75, 1977–80; mil. serv.: Co. D 391st Combat Engineers Bn., USAR, 1968–74; mem., House of Reps., 1981–84; Sen., 1985–91; Pres., Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2004–06; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fill the unexpired term of Robert L. McFadden, retired; qualified Sept. 3, 1991, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Frances J. KirkmanRock Hill
Law Clerk—Willis Holding LeitnerRock Hill
Court Reporter—Janet RichRock Hill
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2013)York
Public Defender—Harry A. DestYork

ALFORD, Lee S. (1998–16), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1J York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3048; residing at 1048 Estate Dr., York; *b.* May 16, 1942 in York; *s.* Levy S. Alford, Sr. and Mary A. Alford; *g.* Univ. of S.C., A.B., 1968, J.D., 1971; Jan. 29, 1965 *m.* Terri Dean Baker, 2 children, Matthew and Ross; past



Pres.: S.C. Probate Judges’ Assn.; York Co. Young Lawyers’ Assn.; Chm., Gov’s Youth Council for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Future Council Leadership Award, 1998; Distinguished Serv. Award, York Jaycees, 1976; York Co. Shriner of the Year; Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow; Jaycees Intl. Senator;

Probate Judge for York Co., 1979–92; Family Court Judge for Sixteenth Circuit, 1992–98; mil. serv.: USAF, 1960–64; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 11, 1998; qualified May 13, 1998, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Renée Barker York
Law Clerk—Creighton Hayes Rock Hill
Court Reporter—Mike Watts Gaffney
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2013) York
Public Defender—Harry A. Dest York

At-Large Seat 1



YOUNG, W. Jeffrey (2009–15), Judge at-large, Seat 1, 141 North Main St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2151; residing at 988 Heather Lane, Sumter; *b.* Aug. 2, 1955 in Sumter; *s.* Marion K. and the late Kenneth R. Young; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1977; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Natl. Judicial Coll., 2005; Dec. 5, 1992

m. Sharon Steele, 4 children, Betsy, Will, Robert, and Greyson; Adjunct Professor, Univ. of S.C., Sumter, 1988–96; Hon. mem.: Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club; Sumter Area Citadel Club, past Pres.; Air Force Assn.; Camellia Ball Dance Club, past Pres.; Sumter Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Legion Post #15; First Presbyterian Church—Sumter, Clerk of Session, 2002; mil. serv.: USAF Active and Reserve, 1977–07, Lt. Col. (Ret.); four missions to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Air Force Commendation Medal with Oakleaf Cluster; Air Force Meritorious Serv. Medal with Oakleaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Serv. Medal; S.C. House of Reps., 1994–98, 2000–02; Order of the Palmetto recipient, 1998; NRA Defender of Freedom Award, 1996; S.C. Victim's Assistance Network Legislator of the Year, 1998; admitted to practice in all S.C. Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., and the Fourth Circuit of Appeals; Family Court Judge, Third Circuit, Seat 2, 2004–09; elected Judge at-large, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009 to fill the unexpired and subsequent term of Judge John M. Milling, retired; qualified Apr. 8, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Tina M. Christmas Sumter
Law Clerk—Samuel L. Johnson Sumter
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2015) Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr. Sumter

At-Large Seat 2

DENNIS, Rupert Markley, Jr. (1994–15), Judge at-large, Seat 2, Berkeley Co. Courthouse, 300-B California Ave., P.O. Box 1800, Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4435; residing in Pinopolis; *b.* Dec. 2, 1947 in Charleston; *s.* Rupert Markley, Sr. and the late Grace (Smith) Dennis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1970, J.D., 1973; *m.* Janis S. Galbreath, 3 children, R. Markley III “Pete”, Molly Dennis Hamilton, and Andrew Paul; *mem.*: Kappa Alpha Order; Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis; Berkeley High School Mock Trial Team Coach, 1982–; private practice, 1973–94; Natl. Judicial Coll., Univ. of Nev. at Reno, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Linda Droze Moncks Corner
Law Clerk—Julie Craig Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2013) Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington Charleston

At-Large Seat 3

NEWMAN, Clifton (2000–15), Judge at-large, Seat 3, Courthouse, 125 W. Main St., Kingstree 29956, Tel. (843) 355-9321, ext. 137, Fax (843) 355-9301; *b.* in Kingstree; *s.* the late Dr. Marion Louis Newman, Sr. and Alice Newman; *g.* Cleveland State Univ., B.A.; Cleveland-Marshall Coll. of Law, J.D.; married with 4 children; partner, Belcher & Newman, Cleveland, Ohio, 1976–81; private law practice, Kingstree and Columbia, 1982–94; Asst. Solicitor, Williamsburg Co., 1983–00; Managing Partner, Newman and Sabb, P.A., 1994–00; *mem.*: S.C. Bar Assn.; Williamsburg Co. Bar Assn.; Circuit Court Adv. Com.; Chief Justice Comm. on Professionalism; Comm. on Judicial Conduct; presiding Judge Multi-week Trial Docket, 2009; Criminal Rules Task Force; Rules Adv. Comm.; Amer. Coll. of Bus. Court Judges; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat.; Williamsburg Co. Historical Preservation Award; Trustee and Pres., United Methodist Men, I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 3, May 24, 2000;



re-elected Apr. 9, 2003 and Feb. 11, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Katherine W. Sabb-GrahamKingstree

Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2015)Sumter

Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr.Sumter

At-Large Seat 4



MILLER, Edward W. (2002–15), Judge at-large, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8560; residing at 44 W. Avondale Dr., Greenville 29609; *b.* Sept. 24, 1952 in Chicago, Ill.; *s.* Robert A. and Mary Price Miller; *g.* Johns Hopkins Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Dec. 30, 1978

m. Martha Walker Albrecht, 2 children, Eliza-

beth and Walter; elected Judge at-large, Seat 4, May 29, 2002 to succeed Joseph J. Watson, retired; qualified Jan. 10, 2003, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen PittsGreenville

Law Clerk—Joseph B. MaxwellAnderson

Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015)Greenville

Public Defender—John I. MauldinGreenville

At-Large Seat 5



HAYES, J. Mark II (2003–15), Judge at-large, Seat 5, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306, Tel. (864) 562-4144, Fax (864) 562-4142; *b.* Aug. 6, 1958; *s.* J. M. and Edith Roland Hayes; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Intern, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1977; Blue Key, Order of the Barristers, Moot Court Bd.; listed in *Who's Who Among Students*

in Amer. Colls. & Univs. and *Who's Who Among Amer. Law Students*; clerk for the Honorable E. C. Burnett III, 1984; private practice, Burts, Turner, Hammett, Harrison & Rhodes, 1985; Harrison & Hayes Law Firm, 1991; Harrison, White, Smith, Hayes & Coggins, P.C., 2000; former Chm., Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Comm., 2001; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Lawyer Conduct; mem.: Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; S.C. School Bd. Lawyer's Assn.; graduate of the Natl. Judicial Coll. Gen. Jurisdiction, 2004; Del., ABA Natl.

Conf. of State Trial Judges, 2005–07; 2006 Natl. VC STJD Com. on Judicial Independence; 2007 Host/Presenter “The Constitution: The Third Branch of Govt., An Insider’s View,” Wofford Coll.; 2008–10 Natl. Chm. STJD/ABA Com. Fair and Impartial Courts; 2009 Spartanburg Bar Assn. Law Day Speaker; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; former mem., Supreme Court Comm. on Continuing Legal Educ. and Specialization; mem., St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church; former Bd. mem., 721 Ministries; 2009 Chm., Piedmont Area Boy Scouts; 2010 SCAJ’s Auto Tort Speaker, “Ethics—A Thin Thread to Runnymede” and published by the Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates, Spring 2011, *Voir Dire*; 2011 Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Serv. Award; elected Judge at-large, Seat 5, on April 9, 2003 to fulfill unexpired term and subsequent full term of Gary E. Clary, retired; qualified May 22, 2003, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Joan F. McKeownRoebuck
Law Clerk—Vollie C. Bailey IVSpartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2013)Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg

At-Large Seat 6

SEALS, William Henry, Jr. (2009–15), Judge at-large, Seat 6, P.O. Box 143, 208 W. Dozier St., Marion 29571, Tel. (843) 423-0446, Fax (843) 423-0535; residing at 200 Willcox Ave., Marion; *b.* Aug. 19, 1961 in Marion; *s.* William H. Seals (atty. & USMC) and Melba Seals; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1982; Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1990; *m.* Phoebe



Anderson Richardson, 1 child, William Henry III; Cumberland Trial Advocacy team; Seals and Brogdon; Seals Law Firm; mem.: Marion Co. Bar Assn.; Marion Rotary Club; S.C. Bar House of Dels.; Toastmaster Intl.; Marion Memorial Hosp. Ethics Comm.; Bd. of Dirs., Marion Chamber of Commerce; Marion Arts Council; Bd. of Dirs., Pee Dee Academy; inclusion S.C. Counsel of Mediation and ADR Roster of Civil Mediators; 1996–09, Marion Municipal Court Judge; Junior Warden, Episcopal Church; mem., Episcopal Church; elected

Judge at-large, Seat 6, Feb. 11, 2009 to fill the unexpired and subsequent term of Judge James E. Lockemy elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Apr. 21, 2009, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Kristi L. Anderson Florence
Solicitor—Edgar Clements III (2015) Florence
Public Defender—Jack W. Lawson, Jr. Florence

At-Large Seat 7



MADDOX, J. Cordell (2002–15), Judge at-large, Seat 7, 100 S. Main St., P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4636, Fax (864) 260-6348; *b.* June 14, 1958 in Richland County; *s.* J. Cordell Maddox, Sr. and Brona Faye Morefield Maddox; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; 3 children, Jess, Brett, and Hunter; Pres.,

Anderson Heart Assn., 1993; Secy., YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 1995–96; Hospice Bd., 1996; ASTAR Science & Tech. Fellow; mem.: First Baptist Church, Anderson, former VC, Deacon Bd. and Trustee; S.C. House of Reps., 1996–00; elected Judge at-large, Seat 7, Feb. 8, 2002 to fill unexpired term of J. C. Nicholson, Jr., elected to Tenth Circuit; qualified Mar. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Cindy Hicks Anderson
Law Clerk—Jessica Lerer Anderson
Solicitor—Christina T. Adams (2013) Anderson
Public Defender—Robert A. Gamble Anderson

At-Large Seat 8



BROWN, David C. (2010–15), Judge at-large, Seat 8, 180 N. Irby St., MSC-CC, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 679-7156, Fax (843) 679-7157; *b.* Feb. 28, 1969 in Sumter; *s.* David H. and Mary M. Brown; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; *m.* Kay Hunt, 3 children; law clerk, Judge M. Duane Shuler, 1997; admitted to practice law in S.C. State Courts,

Fed. Dist. Court for S.C., and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; law firm of Bridges, Orr, Derrick & Ervin, 1998–01; private practice, 2001–10; past adjunct professor, Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. & Francis Marion Univ.; Comr., Florence Co. Voter

Registration & Elections; mem., Cornerstone Baptist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Feb. 3, 2010 to fill seat of Kenneth Goode, term expired; qualified Mar. 26, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Rose Briggs

Law Clerk—Emily Jordan

At-Large Seat 9

MCDONALD, Stephanie P. (2011–15), Judge at-large, Seat 9, 100 Broad St., Suite 427, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5102, Fax (843) 958-5107; *b.* Jan. 14, 1969 in Columbia; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1991, J.D., 1994; 1 child, Sara Susanne; law clerk, S.C. Sen. Jud. Com., 1992–94; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Phi Beta Kappa; former Pres., BE Chap.



of Alpha Delta Pi Sor.; former Pres., Carolina Cares; Amer. Jurisprudence Awards for Evidence and Moot Court; mem., Order of the Barristers; Capt., Craven Moot Court Team; VP, Law School Pro Bono Bd.; Stuckey and Senn Law Firm, 1994–97; Senn, McDonald & Leinbach, LLC, 1998–11; Special Prosecutor, Off. of the S.C. Atty. Gen., 2009–11; past Pres., Junior League of Charleston; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Judicial Conduct; past Pres., St. Philip's Church Episcopal Church Women; past Pres., Charleston Lawyers Club; elected Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 2, 2011 to fill unexpired term of J. Michelle Childs, apptd. U.S. Dist. Court Judge; qualified Oct. 11, 2011.

Admin. Asst.—Sarah WoodardCharleston

Law Clerk—John "Tom" ThompsonCharleston

At-Large Seat 10

BARBER, James Rezner III (1997–15), Judge at-large, Seat 10, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1779, Fax (803) 576-1782; *s.* James R. and Barbara D. Barber; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1966, J.D., 1969; Mar. 9, 1973 *m.* Susan P. Foster, 3 children, Caroline (deceased), Anna, and Rezner; Central Midlands Planning Bd., 1977–83; Richland Co.

Council, 1977–86, Chm., 1978; S.C. Assn. of Cos., Bd. of Dirs., 1978–86, VP, 1982–86, Hon. Pres., 1986; Historical

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Cola. Foundation Bd.; Richland Co. Cancer Soc. Bd.; Richland Memorial Hosp. Bd. of Trustees, 1990–94; Richland Memorial Hosp. Foundation, 1991–94; elected Judge at-large, Seat 10, Apr. 9, 1997; qualified July 1, 1997, serving continuously since.

Law Clerk—Richard MarshColumbia

At-Large Seat 11



LEE, Alison Renee (1999–14), Judge at-large, Seat 11, 1701 Main St., Suite 324, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1765, Fax (803) 576-1768; *b.* Sept. 17, 1958 in Washington, D.C.; *d.* Juanita Bacote and the late James Joseph Lee; *g.* Vassar Coll., B.A., 1979; Tulane Univ., J.D., 1982; May 3, 1986 *m.* Kenzil F. Summey, 2 children; State Bar of Texas, 1982; Louisiana

State Bar, 1983; S.C. Bar, 1984; law clerk to the Hon. Israel M. Augustine, Jr.; Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1982–83; law clerk to the Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.; S.C. Court of Appeals, 1983–84; private practice, McNair Law Firm, 1984–89; Staff Counsel, S.C. Legis. Council, 1989–94; Assoc. Comm., Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, 1987–89; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. DSS Bd., 1985–88; Planning Comm., United Way of the Midlands, 1986–90; Cola. Chap. Links, Inc.; elected Admin. Law Judge, Seat 3, Feb. 1994; qualified Mar. 1, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 10, 1999; qualified Mar. 5, 1999, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sharon HughesColumbia

At-Large Seat 12



RUSO, Thomas A. (2008–14), Judge at-large, Seat 12, 180 N. Irby St.-MSC-O, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 668-3020, Fax (843) 665-3078; *b.* Chicago, Ill.; *s.* the late Vincent C. Russo, Sr. and Rosa Lee Russo; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1977, J.D., 1986; Oct. 14, 2000 *m.* Cheryl Matthews, 3 children; educator, Florence and Edgefield Co. schools; teacher/coach, W. Flo-

rence High School and Strom Thurmond High School; law clerk for Hon. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.; private practice,

Willoughby Law Firm; Knox & Zacks; Offices of Ronald A. Maxwell and Law Offices of Thomas A. Russo; Dep. Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit; Public Defender for Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda Cos.; Dep. Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; mem., Lamb's Chapel Christian Center; elected Judge at-large, Seat 12, May 25, 2005 to fill the unexpired term of James E. Brogdon, Jr., resigned; qualified June 1, 2005, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jeanette Welch Florence
Law Clerk—Sean Patrick Hatfield Florence
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2015) Florence
Public Defender—Jack W. Lawson, Jr. Florence

At-Large Seat 13

HYMAN, Larry B., Jr. (2008–14), Judge at-large, Seat 13, Horry Co. Govt. & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6711; *b.* Apr. 17, 1949; *s.* L. B. Hyman, Sr. and the late Earline J. Hyman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1972, J.D., 1976; May 26, 1973 *m.* Meredith Valois, 2 sons, B. Alex and Jordan; City of Conway Municipal Judge, 1983–87; Chm., Horry Co. Public Defender Corp., 1995–08; Dist. Rep., Horry Co. Parks and Open Space Bd., 2005–08; Founder, S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Chm., Pastor Parish Com. & Trustee, Trinity United Methodist Church; 1 at-large, Seat 13, Feb. 6, 2008 to succeed Judge John L. Breen, retired; qualified Mar. 4, 2008, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Kathryn J. “Jo” Vereen Conway
Law Clerk—Taylor Powell Conway
Solicitor—J. Gregory Hembree (2015) N. Myrtle Beach
Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway